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(U) Concord—East Bay Operation Results in 24 Alleged Norteño Gang Members Arrested

(U) A joint operation of 12 local and federal law enforcement agencies completed a massive gang bust in eastern and central Contra Costa County last week, law enforcement officials announced yesterday. In total, 24 suspects believed to be in the Norteño gang have been arrested for a variety of crimes, including attempted murder, human trafficking, and drug sales. The operation was one of the largest in the county in years, according to officials.

SOURCE: 10 August 2017, CBS News

(U) Windsor—Weapons and Body Armor Seized In Drug Raid

(U) A small arsenal of weapons, body armor, drugs, and cash were seized during a narcotics raid yesterday. The operation was the culmination of a two-week investigation, ending with four arrests in Windsor, according to authorities. Two of the suspects are being held on felony charges, while the other two were charged with misdemeanors and released on either citation or bail bond.

SOURCE: 9 August 2017, CBS News

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(U) Michigan—Gunman Closes Interstate Highway in Both Directions

(U) Gaynier—Michigan State Police have closed off the northbound and southbound lanes of Interstate-75 in Monroe County this morning, following a pursuit of a gunman who then barricaded himself in the vehicle, according to reporting. During the pursuit, the driver used the Facebook Live app, allowing officers to see the gunman making threats to kill himself and police officers who were pursuing him, according to law enforcement.

SOURCE: 10 August 2017, Detroit Free Press

(U) Tennessee—Dozens of Arrests Following a Drug Enforcement Operation

(U) Ashland—The Cheatham County Sheriff's office and Ashland City Police are conducting a coordinated series of arrests against 35 suspects involved in drug-related crimes this morning, according to reporting. Officers have also seized heroin, cocaine, and marijuana as part of "Operation Antidote," according to officials.

SOURCE: 10 August 2017, Fox 17 Nashville

(U) Texas—Six People Face Federal Charges in Alleged Two-City Synthetic Marijuana Operation

(U) Houston—A multi-agency investigation resulted in the arrest of six Texans on 3 August, who were allegedly part of an operation that manufactured synthetic marijuana in Houston and distributed the drug in Austin, according to law enforcement. Authorities also seized several bags of the drug and cash during the operation, which involved the Austin Police Department, Houston Police Department, Texas Department of Public Safety, DEA and IRS.

SOURCE: 9 August 2017, San Antonio Express-News

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(U) China—Cyber Insurance Demand to Soar after WannaCry Attack

(U) Hong Kong—Demand for cyber insurance policies from firms in Greater China following the WannaCry global cyberattack jumped 87 percent in May compared to April, according to the US insurance company American International Group (AIG). The WannaCry attack, along with a substantial increase in cyber security incident reports and increasing financial losses have prompted Chinese firms to push for more insurance coverage, according to the head of an AIG business in Greater China. SOURCE: 9 August 2017, Reuters

(U) Iraq—ISIS Members Plundered \$800 Million from Iraq During Occupation

(U) Baghdad—The Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS), in its three years in control of major Iraqi cities, plundered more than \$800 million from Iraqi bank facilities and reserves, according to the Iraqi Central Bank (ICB)—the main institution Baghdad uses for trade and financing. After overrunning the city of Mosul in 2014, ISIS captured more than 100 private and public bank branches across Iraq. More than half of the \$830 million was captured from the Trade Bank of Iraq's vault in Mosul, according to the ICB.

SOURCE: 9 August 2017, Newsweek

(U) Israel—Alleged Operators of Cyberattack-for-Hire Service Arrested and Charged

(U) Jerusalem—Two young Israeli men who allegedly co-founded vDOS—until recently the largest and most profitable cyberattack-for-hire service online—were arrested and formally indicted on 8 August in Israel on conspiracy and hacking charges, according to reporting. The suspects constantly improved the attack code that would enable them to offer increased attack services, creating real damage to servers and services worldwide, according to Israeli prosecutors.

SOURCE: 9 August 2017, Krebs on Security

(U) Mexico—Soccer Star and Band Leader among 22 Sanctioned for Drug Ties

(U) Mexico City—Professional Mexican soccer player Rafael Marquez Alvarez and a well-known band leader are among 22 people sanctioned for alleged ties to a drug trafficking organization, according to a US Treasury Department announcement yesterday. The United States will also sanction 43 entities in Mexico, including a soccer team and casino—the single largest such designation of a drug trafficking organization ever by the US Office of Foreign Assets Control, according to the announcement. SOURCE: 9 August 2017, ABC News

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